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SUBJECT: FURTHER OMANI-KUWAIT ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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1. LAST MONTH, A KUWAITI DELEGATION VISITED OMAN TO DISCUSS
ADDITIONAL FORMS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THE PRINCIPAL KUWAITI
OBJECT WAS TO OBTAIN SOME OMANI EQUITY PARTICIPATION IN A
AROMAUCS PETROCHEMICAL PLANT TO BE BUILT IN KUWAIT. ACCORDING
TO THE KUWAIT EMBASSY, THE PROJECT, REQUIRING AN INITIAL CAPITAL
OUTLAY OF \$90 MILLION AND A TOTAL CAPITAL COST OF \$250 MILLION,
WILL PROCESS 31,000 BARRELS A DAY OF NAPHTHA TO PRODUCE 283,000
TONS OF BENZINE. THE OMANIS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE PROJECT FOR MORE THAN A TOKEN AMOUNT, IF AT ALL, BECAUSE
OF BUDGETARY RESTRICTION.

2. THE KUWAITIS ALSO AGREED TO HELP FUND A HOUSING BANK FOR
OMAN. THE PURPOSE OF THE HOUSING BANK IS TO INCREASE SUB-
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STANTIALY FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR HOUSING SLOANS TO MODERATE-
INCOME OMANIS; UNTIL THE KUWAITIS COMMITTED THEMSELVES, LOCAL
OMANI BANKS WERE RELUCTANT TO PARTICPATE. THE INITIAL CAPITAL
WILL BE \$29 MILLION, OF WHICH 51 PERCENT WILL COME FROM OMAN,
39 PERCENT FROM KUWAIT REAL ESTATE AND INVESTMENT CONSORTIUM,
AND 10 PERCENT FROM THE BRITISH BANK OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

3. COMMENT: THE DELEGATION'S VISIT INDICATES THE GROWING
INTEREST BY KUWAIT IN OMANI INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES. KUWAIT
HAS ALREADY AGREED TO FINANCE PART OF A CEMENT PROJECT (REFTEL
A) AND A BUILDING MATERIALS VENTURE (REFTEL B). THE TIMING IS
GOOD SINCE THE KUWAITI-FINANCED PROJECTS SHOULD START
CONSTRUCTION WHEN THE NATURAL GAS PIPELINE IS ALMOST FINISHED.
END COMMENT.
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